

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is amended to clarify the aspect of the storage media, originally intended as using the wording "signal-bearing" to indicate the functionality of the storage media, rather than, as alleged by the USPTO, attempting to describe that a signal is used for storage of instructions. It is noted that signals are not used as storage media; contrary to allegations of the USPTO the original wording of the specification was not attempting to enable technology that is not currently possible. The description beginning at the paragraph starting at line 4 on page 35 is amended (e.g., paragraph [0203], as follows:

Such a method may be implemented, for example, by operating a computer, as embodied by a digital data processing apparatus, to execute a sequence of machine-readable instructions. These instructions may reside in various types of signal-bearing media, wherein signal-bearing means that the media has functionality to interact with the apparatus to execute the instructions.

Thus, this aspect of the present invention is directed to a programmed product, comprising signal-bearing storage media tangibly embodying a program of machine-readable instructions executable by a digital data processor incorporating the CPU 1211 and hardware above, to perform the method of the invention.

This signal-bearing storage media may include, for example, a RAM contained within the CPU 1211, as represented by the fast-access storage for example. Alternatively, the instructions may be contained in another signal-bearing storage media, such as a magnetic data storage diskette 1300 (FIG. 13), directly or indirectly accessible by the CPU 1211.

Whether contained in the diskette 1300, the computer/CPU 1211, or elsewhere, the instructions may be stored on a variety of machine-readable data storage media, such as DASD storage (e.g., a conventional "hard drive" or a RAID array), magnetic tape, electronic read-only memory (e.g., ROM, EPROM, or EEPROM), an optical storage device (e.g. CD-ROM, WORM, DVD, digital optical tape, etc.), paper "punch" cards, or other suitable signal-bearing storage media including memory devices in transmission media and instruction stored in transmission formats, such as digital and analog formats, and including transmission media such as devices used for communication links and wireless. In an illustrative embodiment of the invention, the machine-readable instructions may comprise software object code.